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SUBJ: APO PARCEL SERVICE

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1. DURING DECEMBER 21 MEETING WITH MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG, I TOOK OCCASION STRONGLY TO URGE THAT APO PACKAGE SERVICE, TEMPORARILY IN EFFECT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, BE EXTENDED BEYOND ITS FEB 15 TERMINAL DEADLINE. I POINTED OUT THAT SUSPENSION OF THAT SERVICE WAS THE GREATEST SINGLE CAUSE OF MORALE DIFFICULTIES AMONG AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN TURKEY, THAT IT WAS REGARDED AS BULLYING ACTION BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES AGAINST PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN ON TURKEY'S SIDE. AS A RESULT IT HAD "TURNED OFF" THE ONLY LOBBY THE TURKS HAD EARLIER HAD ON THEIR SIDE. BEFORE THE APO PACKAGE SUSPENSION WAS INSTITUTED, A GREAT MANY AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL STATIONED HERE WERE WRITING CONGRESS-
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MEN TO OPPOSE THE EMBARGO. NOW, OUT OF RESENTMENT OVER THIS ACTION, MANY OF THE MILITARY PEOPLE WERE WRITING THE UNFAVORABLE LETTERS BOTH HOME AND TO THEIR CONGRESSMEN. FOR REASONS OF BOTH FAIRNESS AND THE GOT'S OWN SELF-INTEREST, THEREFORE, I URGED THAT THE TEMPORARY LIFTING OF THE APO PACKAGE BAN BE INDEFINITELY EXTENDED.

2. ELEKDAG EXPRESSED PESSIMISM THAT THIS COULD BE
ACCOMPLISHED, BUT SAID HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST.

3. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BEING REPORTED SEPTELS.
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